

## **John Martin Bushman and Elfreda Farquharson Bushman 1850-1950 Lehi Centennial History**

John Martin Bushman, the second son and eighth child in the family of eleven children of Elias Albert and Margaret Zimmerman Bushman, was born in Lehi, Utah, March 7, 1891, He was raised on his father's farm.

He completed public school, graduated from Lehi High School, and attended Brigham Young University. While in high school, he took part in athletics, won his letter in basket ball, track, and base ball for four years; also played base ball for four years on the Lehi City team.

He wrote the history of athletics in Lehi High School's first Year Book in 1913.

His occupation was diversified farming having been active in stock raising, dairying, poultry raising, and was a pioneer dry farmer in Cedar Valley.

In 1937 he was elected Utah County Agricultural Conservation Committeeman, known as the A. A. A., from the north end of Utah County. This office he held for four years. At that time wheat allotments and marketing quotas were in force. He was successively ordained a deacon, teacher, and priest in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Dec. 18, 1911, he was ordained as Elder by Abel John Evans and Jan. 25, 1920, he was ordained a Seventy by Charles H. Hart, which office he still holds. He served thirteen years in the First Ward Sunday School, and has been active in genealogical work being at present its chairman. He has been an active Ward Teacher for many years. November 19, 1913, in the Salt Lake Temple, he married Elfreda Farquharson, daughter of Francis and Dortha Beck Farquharson of Alpine, Utah. Five children have been born to this union; John Lloyd (deceased), Llah (Mrs. Leo Hadfied), F. Wayne, H. Keith, and Ludene (Mrs. Ronald Peterson).

Both sons have filled missions to the Church: Wayne to Texas-Louisiana and Keith to Northern California. All the children were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Bushman have been members of the Old Folks Committee for fourteen years. In the years 1946-1947 they served as short term missionaries to the Texas-Louisiana Mission. They have done considerable research and temple work for their departed ancestors.

Mrs. Bushman worked as a Primary Stake Board member from 1931-1938; ten years in the First Ward Primary; first as teacher, then as Counselor to Sister Maude Evans. She also was a Beehive teacher in the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association in 1942-1943; and a Relief Society Teacher for many years. October 19, 1937, she was sustained as second Counselor in the First ward Relief Society to Mary Ann Clark; October 4, 1938, was sustained as First Counselor and was released August 1942; was appointed President of the First Ward Relief Society June 8, 1947, which office she still holds.

She has been a member of the Fort Wall Camp of the D.U.P. for many years.